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## NEWTON COUPLE REMAINS IN JAIL PENDING HEARING TUESDAY

TOPEKA, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that the **Arlan D. Kaufman**, 68, Newton, and **Linda J. Kaufman**, 61, Newton, will remain in custody pending a hearing at 3 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 23 before U.S. District Court Judge Sam Crow in Topeka.

Last week, U.S. Magistrate Donald W. Bostwick issued an order allowing the Kaufmans to be released at noon Monday, Nov. 22, if they posted bond. Then Bostwick handed the matter over to U.S. District Court Judge Sam A. Crow, who will preside over the case through trial.

At prosecutors' request, Crow stayed the order that would have permitted the Kaufmans' release and scheduled a hearing for Tuesday.

The Kaufmans are charged with one count of holding residents in Kaufman House Residential Group Treatment Center, Inc. in a state of involuntary servitude. If convicted, the Kaufmans face up to 20 years in federal prison. The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Investigations, and the Butler County Sheriff's Department. It is being prosecuted by Lisa Krigsten of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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